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BIODEGRADABLE THERMOPLASTIC NONWOVEN WEBS FOR FLUID MANAGEMENT

Title of Invention

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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	Small entity status submitted.	of this application under	37 CFR § 1.2	7 has be	een estab	lished by ve	erified	l statement p	reviously	
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR1.27.									
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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted.

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